

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for controlling usage of a mobile terminal, the method comprising:

receiving a usage specification including an identification of allowed numbers, an identification of restricted numbers, a usage time limitation, an expiration value and/or a specification of enabled services of the mobile terminal that are restricted; and

limiting usage of the mobile terminal based on the received usage specification responsive to receipt of a valid authorization code; and

wherein receiving a usage specification and limiting usage further comprise at least one of the following:

receiving a usage specification restricting access to enabled services of the mobile terminal including internet access services, multimedia messaging access services , email services, camera and/or video functions;

receiving the authorization code wherein the authorization code is encoded to restrict viewing of the authorization code by a user of the mobile terminal; and/or

receiving a reset code as the authorization code and over-riding the usage specification responsive to receipt of the reset code.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the authorization code and/or the usage specification are received from a keypad and/or input screen of the mobile terminal.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the authorization code and/or the usage specification are received from a remote user over a wireless communication connection.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein the authorization code is received from a remote user over a wireless communication connection and wherein the authorization code is encoded to restrict viewing of the authorization code by a user of the mobile terminal.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the authorization code is a reset code and wherein the method further comprises over-riding the usage specification responsive to receipt of the reset code.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein over-riding the usage specification comprises selecting an alternative usage specification responsive to receipt of the reset code.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein the alternate usage specification includes no restrictions to return the mobile terminal to a normal operating mode.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein the usage specification is received from a remote user over a wireless communication connection.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein receiving a usage specification comprises:

accessing a usage controls menu of the mobile terminal;
prompting a user for entry of the authorization code;
verifying the authorization code;
providing a menu of usage restriction options to a user only if the authorization code is verified as valid;

receiving a selection of restrictions from the user responsive to the provided menu; and
generating the usage specification responsive to the received selection of restrictions.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving a disable request and wherein generating the usage specification comprises generating a usage specification that includes no restrictions to place the mobile terminal in a normal operating mode.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving an identification of allowed numbers.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11 wherein providing a menu includes providing a listing of numbers from a phone book of the mobile terminal to a display of the mobile terminal and wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving a designation of ones of the displayed listing of numbers.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 11 wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving an identification of restricted numbers.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving a specification of enabled services of the mobile terminal that are restricted and wherein the specification of enabled services includes a restriction on internet access services of the mobile terminal.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving a specification of enabled services of the mobile terminal that are restricted and wherein the specification of enabled services includes a restriction on placement of long distance calls and/or calls to specified area codes from the mobile terminal.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15 wherein the specification of enabled services includes a restriction on placement of calls to specified area codes and wherein the restriction of placement of calls to specified area codes comprises a designation of allowed area codes for calls from the mobile terminal.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 9 wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving a specification of enabled services of the mobile terminal that are restricted and wherein the specification of enabled services includes a restriction on placement of calls when the mobile terminal is in a roaming mode.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein limiting usage of the mobile terminal further comprises allowing placement of emergency calls even if usage of the mobile terminal is otherwise restricted.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein limiting usage of the mobile terminal further comprises allowing placement of calls to a specified number even if usage of the mobile terminal is otherwise restricted.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the usage time limitation includes a limitation on times of day when the mobile terminal may be used.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the usage time limitation includes a limitation on the duration of usage of the mobile terminal.

22. (Currently amended) A usage control system for a mobile terminal, the system comprising:

a user interface circuit for receiving from a user an authorization code and a usage specification including an identification of allowed numbers, an identification of restricted numbers, a usage time limitation, an expiration value and/or a specification of enabled services of the mobile terminal that are restricted; and

an access circuit configured to limit usage of the mobile terminal based on the received usage specification responsive to receipt of a valid authorization code; and

wherein the user interface circuit and the access circuit are further configured for at least one of the following:

receiving a usage specification restricting access to enabled services of the mobile terminal including internet access services, multimedia messaging access services, email services, camera and/or video functions;

receiving the authorization code wherein the authorization code is encoded to restrict viewing of the authorization code by a user of the mobile terminal; and/or

receiving a reset code as the authorization code and over-riding the usage specification
responsive to receipt of the reset code.

23. (Original) A mobile terminal including the usage control system of Claim 22.
24. (Original) The system of Claim 22 wherein the user interface includes a keypad and/or input screen of the mobile terminal.
25. (Original) The system of Claim 24 wherein the user interface further includes a transceiver configured to receive the authorization code and/or the usage specification from a remote user over a wireless communication connection.
26. (Original) The system of Claim 25 wherein the user interface is further configured to restrict viewing of the authorization code by a user of the mobile terminal.
27. (Original) The system of Claim 26 wherein the authorization code is a reset code and wherein the access circuit is further configured to over-ride the usage specification responsive to receipt of the reset code to return the mobile terminal to a normal operating mode.
28. (Original) The system of Claim 22 wherein the user interface further comprises:
a usage controls menu of the mobile terminal;
a menu of usage restriction options; and
wherein the system further comprises a memory including an identification of a valid authorization code and usage restriction options.
29. (Original) The system of Claim 28 wherein the user interface is further configured to retrieve a listing of numbers from a phone book of the mobile terminal and to display the listing of numbers on a screen of the mobile terminal responsive to selection of an associated option on the menu of usage restriction options and to receive a designation of ones of the displayed listing of numbers to include in the usage specification.

30. (Currently amended) A computer program product for controlling usage of a mobile terminal, the computer program product comprising:

a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code embodied in said medium, said computer-readable program code comprising:

computer-readable program code that receives a usage specification including an identification of allowed numbers, an identification of restricted numbers, a usage time limitation, an expiration value and/or a specification of enabled services of the mobile terminal that are restricted; and

computer-readable program code that limits usage of the mobile terminal based on the received usage specification responsive to receipt of a valid authorization code; and

wherein the computer-readable program code that receives a usage specification and the computer-readable program code that limits usage further comprise at least one of the following:

computer-readable program code that receives a usage specification restricting access to enabled services of the mobile terminal including internet access services, multimedia messaging access services , email services, camera and/or video functions;

computer-readable program code that receives the authorization code wherein the authorization code is encoded to restrict viewing of the authorization code by a user of the mobile terminal; and/or

computer-readable program code that receives a reset code as the authorization code and over-riding the usage specification responsive to receipt of the reset code.

31. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving a selection of restrictions comprises receiving a usage specification restricting enabled services of the mobile terminal including internet access services, multimedia messaging access services, email services, camera and/or video functions.

32. (New) The system of Claim 1, wherein the user interface circuit is further configured to receive a usage specification restricting enabled services of the mobile terminal including internet access services, multimedia messaging access services, email services, camera and/or video functions.